

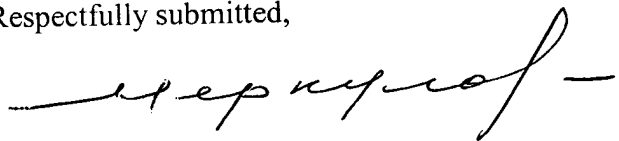
REMARKS

The present amendment is supplemental to the amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, filed on February 16, 2006, together with an RCE. By the present amendment, claim 17 has been added for the Examiner's consideration in addition to claims 13-16. Therefore, claims 1 to 17 are currently active in the application. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O. Merkoulou', followed by a horizontal line.

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